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SUBJ: 1977 US-PRC EXCHANGES: AMBASSADOR GATES' MEETING WITH  
WANG HAI-JUNG

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1. AMBASSADOR GATES MET WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG ON MORNING OF DECEMBER 17 TO DISCUSS US-PRC EXCHANGES FOR 1977. ALSO PRESENT ON CHINESE SIDE WERE LIN PING, DIRECTOR OF MFA AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, AND LIEN CHENG-PAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MFA OFFICE OF US AFFAIRS. ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF THOMAS AND POLITICAL OFFICER KEYSER ACCOMPANIED AMBASSADOR.

2. MEETING WAS BRIEF (20 MINUTES) AND CORDIAL. AMBASSADOR GATES MADE PRESENTATION DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL, STRESSED USG SUPPORT FOR THE ENTIRE PACKAGE, TOOK SPECIAL NOTE OF DESIRABILITY OF TWO CONGRESSIONAL VISITS UNDER FACILITATED EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AND SOLICITED VIEWS OF VICE FOREIGN MINISTER. WANG INDICATED THAT SHE HAD READ LETTERS SENT BY NCUSCR'S MR. ROSEN AND CSCPRC'S MS. KEATLEY, ADVISED THAT "CONSULTATIONS WITH DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED" WERE UNDERWAY BUT WOULD "TAKE SOME TIME," AND PROMISED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD COMMUNICATE ITS REPLY TO AMBASSADOR GATES AS SOON AS  
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POSSIBLE. WANG DID NOT ADDRESS SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSALS, CONFINING HER INITIAL RESPONSE TO A NON-COMMITTAL "THERE ARE A GOOD MANY ITEMS THIS YEAR." WHEN AMBASSADOR GATES REITERATED THAT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WAS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH SIDES, WANG NOTED AGAIN "THERE ARE ALREADY QUITE A LOT OF EXCHANGE ITEMS."

3. COMMENT: VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG SEEMED MORE  
RELAXED THAN AT ANY OF HER PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH  
AMBASSADOR GATES. HER BRIEF REMARKS WERE TO THE  
POINT AND ENTIRELY DEVOID OF POLITICAL RHETORIC.  
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